GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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FACILITIES/ PACKAGE TO PREGNANT WOMEN IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware of the problems being faced by the pregnant women and kin traveling in Railways due to inadequate seating arrangements and medical facilities;

(b) if so, whether the Railways have any proposal to provide special facilities/package to them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Pregnant women, otherwise fit to travel, are provided accommodation in trains. However, there are no specialized medical facilities on board for pregnant women.

The trains can make unscheduled halts, if necessary, at the station enroute in emergencies for shifting the pregnant women to the nearest hospital. The Station Masters have details of doctors, clinics and hospitals, both Government and Private, in the vicinity of the station where the pregnant women can be shifted. Allopathic doctors travelling as passengers are given 10% concession in train fares as an incentive to motivate them to render medical assistance to the travelling public in case of any emergency. Their services can be utilized to attend to pregnant women. Further, station staff are authorized to summon a railway medical officer `on call` to attend to the needy passengers. In addition, Augmented First Aid boxes with wider range of medicines, disposable medical materials, etc., have been provided with the Train Superintendents/Pantry car Managers of Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express Trains and on nominated long distance Mail/Express trains.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.